

THE EXPAT EXPERIENCE



Hello everybody, I'm Dominique Nicolas Godat! I was born in Bern, Switzerland on September 18, 1958. Growing up, my family was quite big: my Swiss German mother, my French speaking father and my four siblings. Maybe it's a bit of cliché in Switzerland but nonetheless I attended the Hotel School in Lausanne with practical training in the kitchen, service and front office. After graduating I went straight on to get some work experience back home in Switzerland at the Beau-Rivage Palace Lausanne. Then I decided to try my skills out in other cities and countries because lets face it, international experience is just so enriching! So far life has taken me to Dubai, New York (The Pierre Hotel) and St. Moritz (Kulm Hotel as GM for 11 years). To top it all off, I am now working at the Metropol Moscow with the unique challenge of renovating this landmark building and historic jewel of Russia.

What makes the Metropol Hotel unique in the world?

For one thing it's a monument to Russian history, it's some truly authentic for Russia. The architecture and interior design are done in the Art Nouveau style so typical of pre-

Revolutionary Moscow, when the capital of the Tsarist Empire had been transferred to Saint Petersburg. The people working here right now and the vision of the owner aim to reconstruct that romantic atmosphere from the turn of the century when a wealthy middle-class was seeking its own cultural expression that was different to the traditional eclectic historicism at the time.

How do you spend your free time in Moscow and what is your favorite place to go on the weekend?

I love Gorky Park because every day there's something different – this park just doesn't want to stand still! There's truly something for everyone there, ranging from fine art master classes to samba sessions that get the whole park dancing and twirling. And then right across the Krymsky Bridge there's Sculpture Park in Muzeon, where lots of relics from the Communist times have been transported so I feel like I'm traveling in time each time I'm there. I also really like the classy restaurants in the of Bolshoi Theatre area as well as the more funky and youthful ones in the winding alleys just off Tverskaya street.

What do you like best about working in Russia?

In short: the opportunities which are still open to explore and conquer as it's such a young and blossoming city in many ways (let's not forget that Russia as a country only started opening up to new thoughts and ideas just two decades ago). And if slightly longer: this openness to new ideas brings with itself a certain thirst for life and to catch up with the West. So when a trend finally reaches Moscow, the young and increasingly sophisticated educated urbanites like to take that trend, add a Russian twist to it and take it further than anyone has ever done. Moscow doesn't want to be on the back seat of world culture anymore, it wants to start driving it.

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